GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

PS – PR&RD Department – Allegation of irregularities in execution of project for comprehensive development of SC/ST colonies under MGNREGS in YSR Kadapa District for providing internal roads with CC roads and drains in 10th ward SC Colony of Kamalapuram (M) - Disciplinary proceedings initiated and charge framed against Sri P.Nageswara Rao, the then EE, PRID, Kadapa, YSR Kadapa District, now retired - Inquiry conducted – Further action dropped - Orders – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 246 Dated: 10-04-2025

Read the following:-

1.Vigilance Report No.70(40-4/V&E/E/2015), dated 31.07.2015 of DG, V&E.
2.G.O.Rt.No.342, PR&RD (Vig.II) Dept., dt.18.04.2018.
3.G.O.Rt.No.347, PR&RD (Vig.II) Dept., dt.18.04.2018.
4.WSD, dt.06.09.2018 of Sri P.Nageswara Rao , the then EE, PRID, Kadapa, YSR Dist., now retired.
5.G.O.Rt.No.343, PR&RD (Vig.II) Dept., dt.29.04.2019.
6.G.O.Rt.No.653, PR&RD (Vig.II) Dept., dt.19.11.2020.
7.Lr.No.CE/QC6/VQS/SC Colony/Kamalapuram/Kadapa Dist/2017 of CE, PR, Vig.& QC & NABARD, A.P., Vijayawada.
8.Govt.Memo No.9508/Vig.II/2017, dt.15.04.2023.
9.Sri P.Nageswara Rao , the then EE, PRID, Kadapa, YSR Kadapa Dist., now retired, Representation, dated 06.06.2023.

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ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, the Director General, Vigilance & Enforcement has furnished Vigilance Report pertaining to the allegations of irregularities in execution of Project for comprehensive development of SC/ST colonies under MGNREGS in YSR Kadapa District for "providing internal roads with CC roads and drains in 10th ward SC Colony of Kamalapuram (M)" against Sri P.Nageswara Rao, the then EE, PRID, Kadapa, YSR Dist., now retired and two (2) and recommended to take disciplinary action against him among others.

2. Based on the recommendations of Director General, Vigilance & Enforcement, Government in the reference 2nd read above, initiated common disciplinary proceedings against Sri P.Nageswara Rao, the then Executive Engineer, PRID, Kadapa, YSR District, now retired and two (2) others under Rule 24 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 and accordingly, in the reference 3rd read above, framed the following article of charge under Rule 20 of A.P.C.S.(CC&A) Rules, 1991, against him with a direction to submit his written statement of defense:-

Charge:

That Sri P.Nageswara Rao, Superintending Engineer, Panchayat Raj, Nellore and the then Executive Engineer, PRI Division, Kadapa YSR

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District has committed grave irregularities in execution of project for comprehensive development of SC/ST Colonies under MGNREGS for "providing internal Roads with CC Drains at 10th ward of SC colony of Kamalapuram Mandal" in YSR Kadapa Dist. and caused loss to the Government exchequer to a tune of Rs.33,83,720/- in as much as he:-

(i) Allowed payment without ascertaining the quality of work executed resulting in substandard quality of work, ultimately caused loss of Rs.30,69,721/- to the Govt. exchequer and laid CC pavement without obtaining mix report and giving approval,

(ii) Did not check-measure the work as per guidelines of APPW account code,

(iii) Issued proceedings changing the grade of concrete from M30 to M20 for CC pavement after execution and after payment to safeguard the erring officials.

3. In the reference 4th read above, the Charged officer, Sri P.Nageswara Rao, the then Executive Engineer, PRID, Kadapa, YSR Dist., now retired, has submitted his Written Statement of Defense and denied the charge framed against him. After examining and having not satisfied with the Written Statement of Defense of the charged officer, in the reference 5th read above, Government appointed Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Vijayawada as Inquiry Officer. Subsequently, Government have modified earlier orders and changed the Inquiry Officer and appointed the Chief Engineer, Panchayat Raj (Vig.&QC & NABARD), O/o.Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada as Inquiring Authority and the Superintending Engineer, Panchayat Raj, YSR Kadapa District as Presenting Officer under Rule 20(2) of A.P.C.S. (CC&A) Rules, 1991 to conduct regular inquiry against Sri P.Nageswara Rao, the then Executive Engineer, PRI Division and two (2) other charged officers vide reference 6th read above.

4. In the reference 7th read above, the Chief Engineer, Panchayat Raj (Vig.&QC & NABARD), O/o.Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada & Inquiring Authority has submitted inquiry report, dt.24.02.2023, wherein the Inquiring Authority has held the charge framed against the charged officer, Sri P.Nageswara Rao, the then Executive Engineer, PRID, Kadapa, YSR Dist., now retired, as not proved, among others.

5. In the reference 8th read above, Government have communicated a copy of inquiry report to the charged officer, Sri P.Nageswara Rao, the then Executive Engineer, PRID, Kadapa, YSR Dist., now retired under Rule 21(2) of A.P.C.S.(CC&A) Rules, 1991, for his representation, if any, on the findings of the inquiry report. Accordingly, in the reference 9th read above, the charged officer, Sri P.Nageswara Rao, the then Executive Engineer, PRID, Kadapa, YSR Dist., now retired, has submitted his representation and accepted the findings of the Inquiring Authority to drop the charge framed against him.

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6. After careful examination of the entire matter, Government hereby drop further action against Sri P.Nageswara Rao, the then Executive Engineer, PRID, Kadapa, YSR Dist., now retired, in the matter, as the charge framed against him is held as not proved in the inquiry.

7. The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, A.P., Vijayawada, shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, A.P., Vijayawada.
Sri P.Nageswara Rao, the then EE, PRID, Kadapa, YSR Dist., now retired,
(**Through** the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, A.P., Vijayawada).

Copy to:

The General Administration, (V&E) Department, A.P. Secretariat.
The Director General, Vigilance & Enforcement, AP, Vijayawada.
The Secretary to VC, A.P. Vigilance Commission, Velagapudi.
The Accountant General, AP, Vijayawada.
The PR&RD (Estt.I) Department.
The OSD to the Hon'ble Dy.C.M. for PR, RD, RWS&S and EFS&T.
PS to Prl.Secy. to Govt., PR&RD Dept.
SF/SC(277578).

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